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March 7, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance convened on March 7, 2007, with Chairman Maryann Heuston presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Walter Pero and Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were Alderman William White, Treasurer William Fowler, Personnel Director Richard Tranfaglia, Asst. City Solicitor Robert Collins, Purchasing Director Rositha Durham, Water Commissioner Carol Antonelli, Ginger Barrett from the DPW, Michael Lambert from the Mayor's Office, Greg Jenkins from the Arts Council, Mark Friedman, Lisa Lepore, Arne Frantz and Anne Thomas from SPCD.

Ms. Thomas told the members that the RFP for Zero New Washington Street had been sent out and that there was one bidder, Mr. Chaille of Green Cab. The property price was set at \$20.00 per square foot and Mr. Chaille's bid was \$21.25 per square foot for a total of \$1,140,700. The MBTA has a surface easement and Mr. Chaille has requested that the property be surveyed. He stated that unless the easement is removed, relinquished or abandoned by the MBTA, that no party would have any right to use the railroad tracks or underlying right of way that currently passes through the property. It is his intention to subdivide the property, a process that would require a site plan review. SPCD requested that changes be made to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the buyer agreed.

Alderman Desmond's motion **that a new paragraph relating to the proposed use of the buyer be inserted into the Purchase and Sale Agreement** was approved.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 7 items:

182745: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to reduce by \$2,700,000 the FY07 appropriation for the Water Enterprise Fund, to a new appropriation of \$9,056,536, as an accounting procedure requested by MA DOR.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182746: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to use \$6,413.73 in available funds in the SPCD PS Salaries Acct. to fund a new Landscape Project Manager, with an annual salary up to \$55,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182747: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of a \$7,275 transfer from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the DPW School Custodians Salary Acct., for

a contract settlement with the SEIU/NCFO.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182748: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a \$479,000 grant from the MA Office of Commonwealth Development for transit-oriented pedestrian improvements for East Broadway-Sullivan Sq.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182750: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a \$40,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182751: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to extend Contract 97-111 with CitiBank through June 30, 2007, for the lease/purchase of equipment as part of a major energy system retrofit.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182764: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of a draft Purchase and Sale Agreement for 0 New Washington St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (that a new paragraph relating to the proposed use of the buyer be inserted into the Purchase and Sale Agreement)

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

Alderman Maryann Heuston, Chairman
Committee on Finance

COMMITTEE REPORT

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